Reviewer's report

Title: High levels of anxiety and depression in patients with serious diabetic foot problems

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Reviewer: Stewart Tomlinson

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A very relevant and well considered hypothesis with surprisingly similar results between the two patient groups. Merits publication.

Two comments:

The mean duration of charcot foot is presented, but mean duration of foot ulcer is not presented. This data would be interesting to the reader and should be included if available. I wonder whether it bears any relevance to the results?

Is postcode data available to compare deprivation indices across both patient groups? If King's is a regional referral centre, patients with Charcot may be referred across a wider geographic area than those with an ulcer alone. On the basis that the immediate catchment area for King's has a relatively high deprivation score, does this increase depression and anxiety scores within the ulcer group compared to the charcot group and account for your findings?

Two minor typos in text:

Intro - 'Despite an extensive literature linking diabetes and psychological morbidity'

Discussion - page 11 - 'Possible explanations will be explored in turn: (1) sample size aairer nd sample recruitment'

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests